09 April 2026

APRIL 9 - SPRING DAZE

Sledding season continues here in Golden and the spring daze are in full effect. Freezing temps over night mean for crusty mornings and slushy afternoons. Access is still quite good and there is a lot of snow up high. Grooming operations have finished in Silent but remain in effect in Gorman and Quartz this weekend. Avalanche conditions are forecast to be low-moderate for the weekend.

Riley Suhan Backcountry Race



Riley holding the team trophy

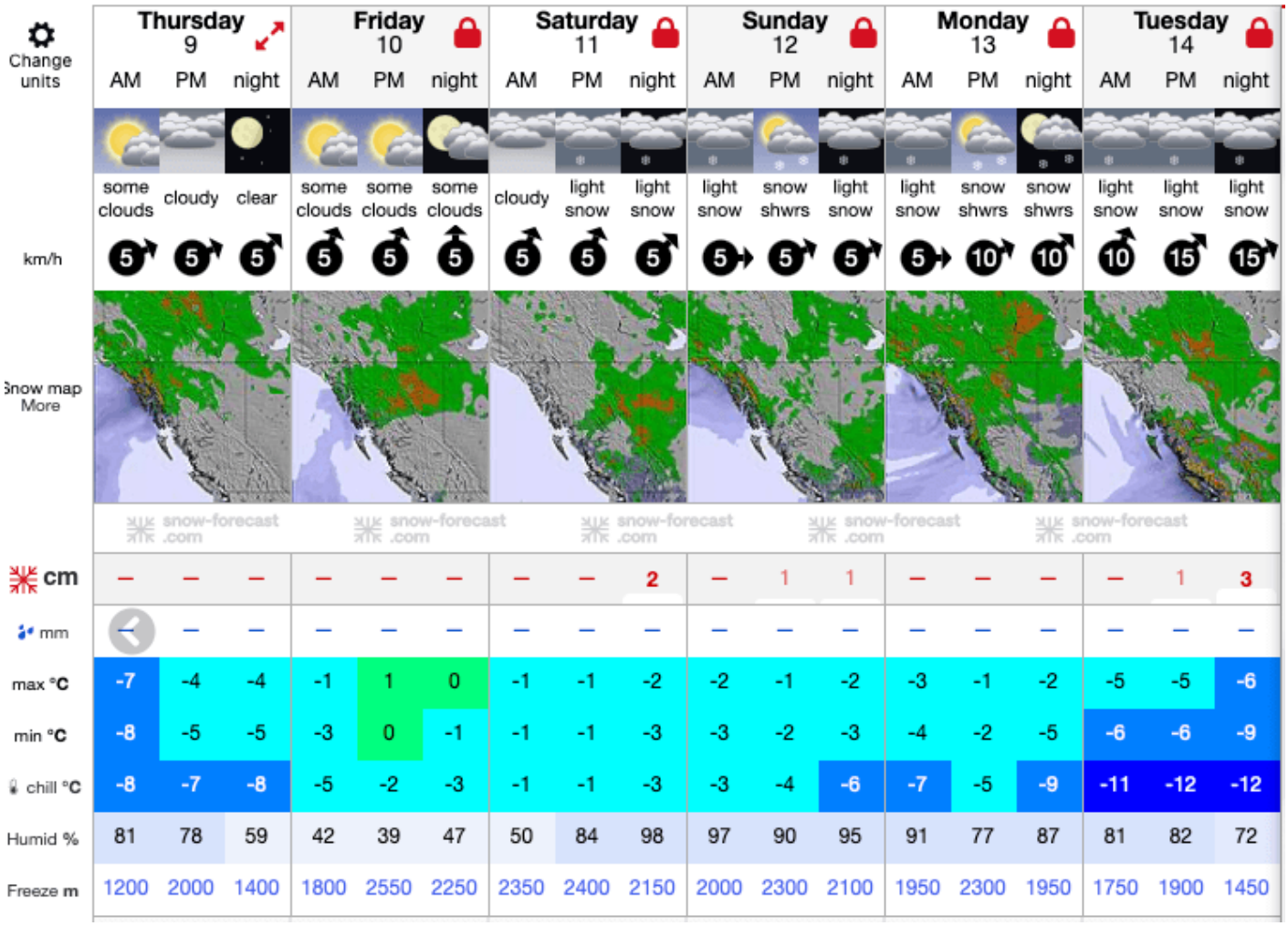
What an incredible event we had at the 7th Annual Riley Suhan Backcountry race. 140 competitors were treated to a fine day of racing and everything went right.

Read the Sleddermag.com Recap Here from 2026

Snow & Weather

SNOW AND WEATHER

We're in a full spring melt freeze cycle here in the alpine. There's been some skiffs of snow but nothing significant lately. There's lots of snow up high in the alpine as Golden has had a good snow year. Snow down low is getting thin but still pretty good, we've seen it a lot worse in other years.



Change units	Thursday 9 AM	Thursday 9 PM	Thursday 9 night	Friday 10 AM	Friday 10 PM	Friday 10 night	Saturday 11 AM	Saturday 11 PM	Saturday 11 night	Sunday 12 AM	Sunday 12 PM	Sunday 12 night	Monday 13 AM	Monday 13 PM	Monday 13 night	Tuesday 14 AM	Tuesday 14 PM	Tuesday 14 night
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Humid %	81	78	59	42	39	47	50	84	98	97	90	95	91	77	87	81	82	72
Freeze m	1200	2000	1400	1800	2550	2250	2350	2400	2150	2000	2300	2100	1950	2300	1950	1750	1900	1450

Screen shot of kicking horse resort snow forecast

Staging Areas Latest Info

Quartz Creek

Conditions: Good up high - thin down low.
Grooms scheduled: Groomed on Thursday April 9
Fees: $30 - through the weekend
Parking: Main lot
Additional notes: This is the final weekend in Quartz. The trail is a little thin from the parking lot for the first km but otherwise in pretty good shape.

Silent Pass

Conditions: good snow up high
Grooms scheduled: none
Fees: none
Parking: unreported
Road: not great - rough in mornings when it's frozen, greasy in the afternoons when it warms
Additional notes: We haven't hear a lot out of Silent for the past week. Grooming ops are finished there for the season. The road is rutted and frozen in the morning and greasy in the afternoons.

Gorman Lake

Conditions: Spring Like
Grooms scheduled: Last groom was April 6
Fees: $30
Parking: Above 3.5 km parking lot but below the 11km lot. drive until snow - trailers not recommended
Road: road is melted to gravel
Additional notes: Gorman access is creeping up and it's not recommended for big trailers.

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Weather & Avalanche Conditions

Avalanche Conditions
https://www.avalanche.ca

Weather Conditions
https://www.snow-forecast.com/resorts/GC-HeliSki/6day/mid